

Dear Victoria,

I'm enclosing information on the history of our family in the Quinn-Texas community. There are a number of family's that will be effected by the Railroad and Quarry in our area. We don't understand how Vulcan, a business can run over individuals. The meeting in Howard was a big disappointment.

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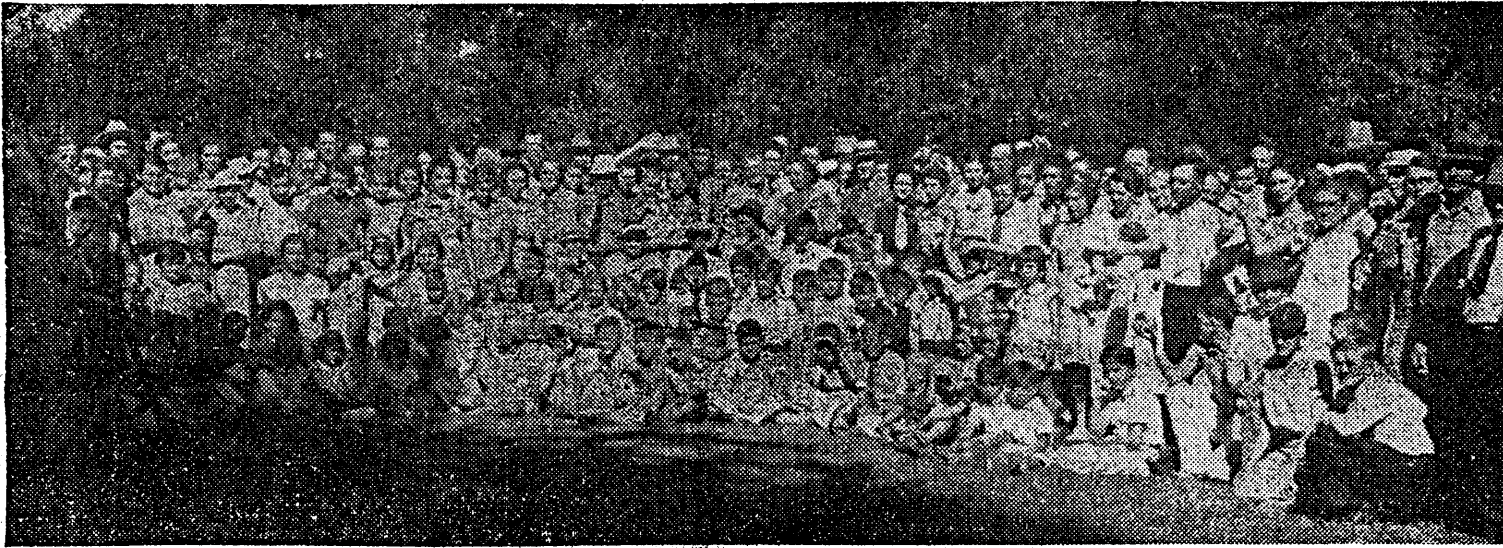
From: Rusty & Verlyn Mangold
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284 - Southwest Gulf Railroad Company

Re: Concerns regarding construction of rail line through Quihi Community
426 Weman Ranch - 112 Wiemers Ranch

1. Livelihood - from hunting and grass leasing money. Pays taxes and insurance
2. Springs - 1 mile long, feeds 2 tanks on ranch
3. Gas/oil pipe line it will cross is 50 yeeears old
4. Yancey Waterline it will cross is drinkahle water.
5. Only entrance to ranch will be crossed twice.
6. Plans to live there will be cancelled.
7. Plans to profit from ranch will be effected
8. Wiemers ranch hlps pay nursing home costs at \$3,000 a month
9. History & memories of 100 years and 3 generations.
10. Artifacts dating to Paleo times have been found
11. Deer, Turkey, Ducks, Quail, Pigs & hogs.
12. 20 minutes of noise every day 4 times a day. Too much.
13. One location enough 2 in Quihi, 1 in San Antonio - 2 blocks from home 2 A.M. 4 AM
14. Emergencies, Ambulances, Fire - 20 minute train too long
15. Electricity and telephone
16. Crossing main road to ranch in flooded area
17. Quiet country life coming to an end. After 100 years.
18. Don't you think 20 quarries is enough.
19. Train in San Antonio enough - A blight to our beautiful hill country
20. Uncoverd rail cars and trucks will distroy our country roads
21. Effected many years of our life so far. Others will profit we will be unconvinced
22. Rather see doves from the west not trains

(8-14-37) Tschirhardt Family Reunion Held At Castroville Draws 400



Descendants of Castro Colony Pair Now in 4th Generation.

In 1845 Nickolaus Tschirhardt, born in 1811 at Lothringen, Alsace-Lorraine, came to San Antonio and married Katherine Meyer who had been born at the same place in 1825. Both were members of the Castro colony which started Castroville. Nickolaus Tschirhardt died in 1866 in the cholera epidemic, and his widow lived until 1892.

Now the descendants, numbering more than 400, hold an annual reunion at Castroville. Last Sunday, 443 registered and spent the day at Wernette's Garden. In the afternoon there was a program of readings, songs and addresses by Mrs. J. L. Mechler of Southton, Phil C. Jäggé of Tarpley and August Tschirhardt Sr.

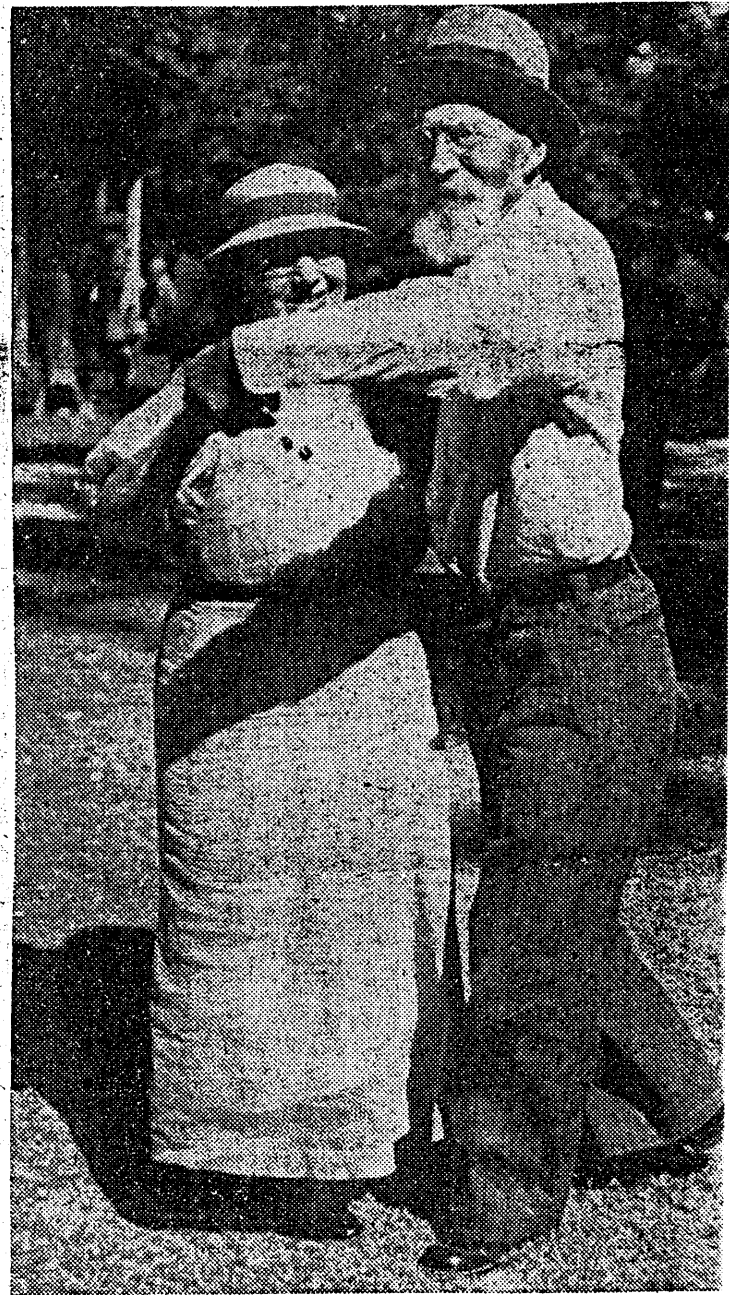
Three of the first family are still living, Joseph Tschirhardt, 91; Edward, 86, and August, 75. Members of the family now are scattered through Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas and California.

Four of the brothers in the first family, together with a teamster,



took part in an Indian fight between San Antonio and Fort McKavett in which Edward Tschirhardt killed the chief.

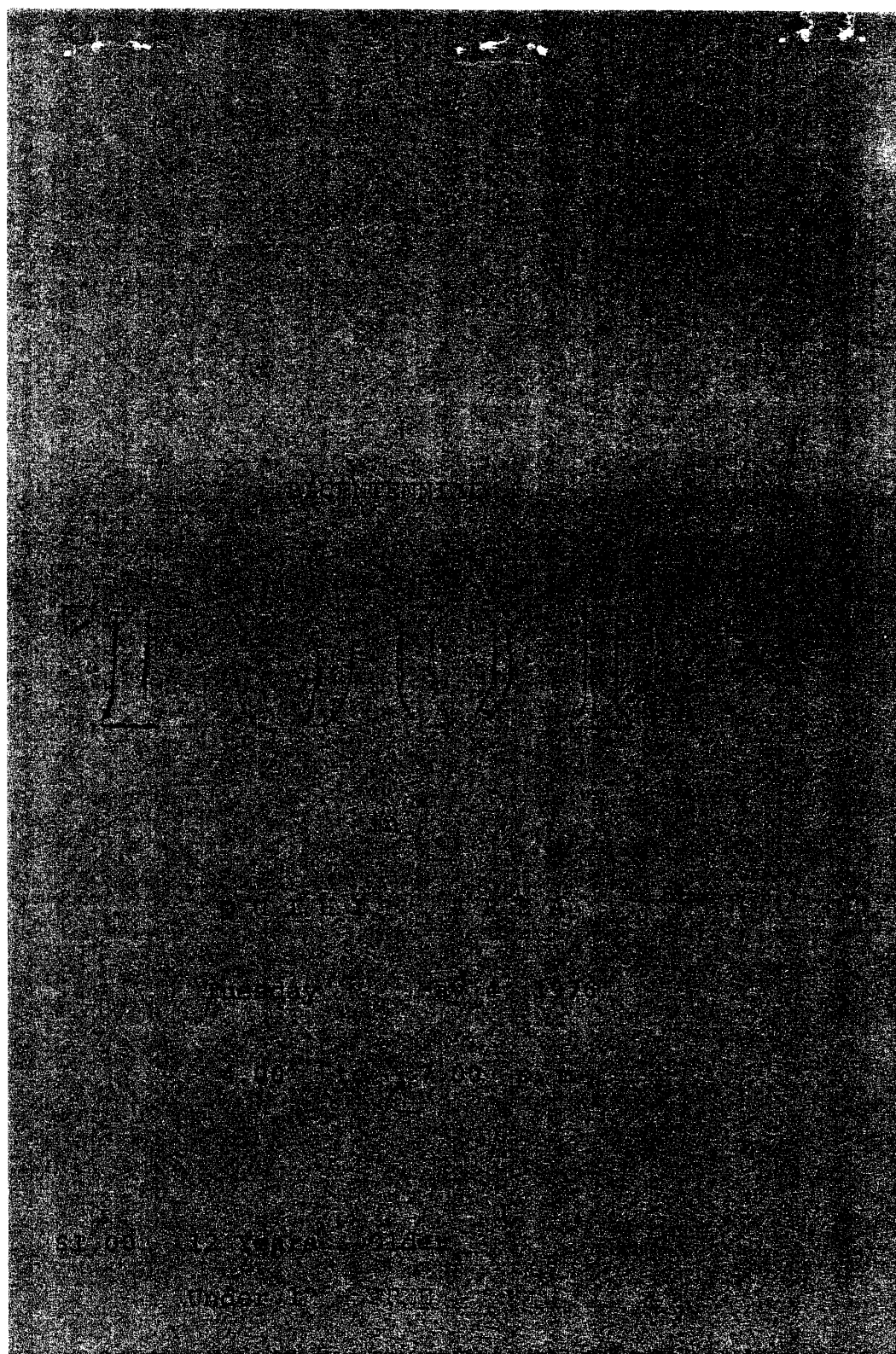
In the pictures are a group of the family at Wernette Park, Joseph Tschirhardt, 91, and Mrs. Sebastian Tschirhardt, 76, with Edward Tschirhardt, 86, who proved to an Express photographer they are still able to dance with the youngsters.



RUSTY MANGOLD'S RELATIVES

WE STILL HOLD REUNIONS IN CASTROVILLE
THE LAST PICTURE TAKEN IS OVER 36" LONG

VERLYN WIEMERS MANGOLD' FAMILY
DATES FROM 1860'S - HER GRANDMOTHER
AND AUNT WERE BORN IN EDSON OFFINGER
HOME IN GUNI. CR 365



Juan Flores Place

Juan Flores is doing a renovation job on this old historical building. Originally the building was a stage stop but later was abandoned and the stages stopped at a building across the road that has also been renovated in recent times (home owned by Mrs. Nell Richter).

The schoolhouse was just recently moved here, the New Fountain School house stood just across the Verde Creek, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from here.

Home of Mrs. Nell Richter - Stagecoach Stop

More than 100 years ago Frederick Metzger built this home and store, which became a stagecoach stop. Fire damaged the left wing housing the store, but its thick walls remained. Later, the place was rebuilt and a second story added to the left wing. Today, after remodeling, it has become the property and home of Mrs. Nell Richter.

The remodeling was quite a job, for the long decades had been hard on the old house.

Those wonderful, two-foot-thick walls were in excellent shape in the west and center sections. That was good, they needing only pointing up and plumbers. They were a problem, too, to the men who built the lovely paneled fireplace in the living room; the fireplace chimney had to be built inside the room, since they couldn't cut through the walls.

New floors had to be put in on both levels. The old staircase was narrow and steep, it was taken down and a new one built in the big hall. Eight small rooms upstairs were made into four generous-sized ones.

The window sills are deep enough to be used as seats.

The guest house at the back was once a little kitchen.

Home of Mr. & Mrs. James C. Gray

In 1853 John James & J. A. Herndon deeded this place to Henry W. Poehler and wife Caroline.

Sold to James C. Gray & Mary by Henry F. Poehler, son of Henry W. Poehler in 1943.

The Cypress beams, most of the window panes and the Mantel Board are the original.

The clock on the Mantel and the Bench on the front porch belonged to the original owner.

Home of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Saathoff

75 acres of land was sold to John Vance by James Huth May 29, 1834. John Vance sold this land to George Leinweber December 17, 1856. George Leinweber built this house in 1856.

This house, built in 1856, out of mason rock put together with lime and mud, still has the original ceiling, walls, cypress beams, doors, old fashioned door knobs, two fire places and 18" deep windows.

The out side "smoke house" is also made of mason rock and has 6 small 4" X 6" windows up high where they used to shoot at the Indians. The smoke house is also 120 years old.

The front walk is laid with huge stones that were cut and placed in the walk in 1856.

Home of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Saathoff

Original owners were Henry & Katharine Brucks. Henry and Katharine married November 1, 1873. They lived in the barn which is still standing at the rear of the house while this home was being built. It took two years to build this house, and it required 55 loads of sand hauled by wagon and team from Hondo and Verde Creek and many loads of native stone hauled from Brucks ranch north of Quihi by 17 year old son Bernhardt H. Brucks.

Walls average about 16" thick inside and 20" outside. Some of the individual stones in each corner are 4' long.

Lester and Florence Saathoff, 4th generation descendants of Henry and Katharine Brucks, are now living in this house.

Lindeburg School at Quihi - Built in 1870

Henry Castro owned this parcel of land. Mrs. Talka Margaret Lindeburg, the grandmother of Henry and Otto Lindeburg now living in Quihi, washed or did Castro's laundry for quite some time. Money being very scarce in those days; Castro in return for her services, gave the plot of land to Mrs. Lindeburg.

The Community began to grow and the need for a schoolhouse arose. Mrs. Lindeburg gave the land to be used for school purposes or for a schoolhouse, with the following stipulation: When school was closed or should it no longer be used as a school, it would go back to the heirs.

The Lindeburg Schoolhouse was built in 1870. The original siding (1 X 12) is still on the building and in good condition.

The first Board of Trustees was: Mimke Saathoff, John Reitzer and Henry Brucks.

In the early 30's the heirs decided that they no longer wanted it, so the residents of the Quihi Community organized and bought the Schoolhouse and land for \$5.00. A Quit Claim deed was given to them, with the understanding it was to be used as a Community Center. It has been used as such ever since.

This Schoolhouse is also used as the Voting Place for Precinct 11.

Another interesting fact is that for many years it was called the Quihi Court House. Quihi did have a Justice of the Peace for a time and this was his office.

Schuetzen-Grozelshoft-Freiheit
or Quihi Gun Club

Was organized at Quihi, Texas, on May 26, 1890. Incorporated on Oct. 5, 1952. Being amongst the oldest active gun clubs in Texas and America, Quihi Gun Club has survived two World Wars, depression and several floods. The present day grounds was the location where the club was organized. It has since grown from the small open air platform to 7000 square feet plus building of today. The first or the original building is still in tact, with additions on all four corners to accomodate its members.

The original nucleus of Raphael Schorbiny, Henry F. Poehler, John A Breiten, Fred W. Boehle, John Hauser, Joe Horn, John N. Breiten, Simon Rolf, Henry Breiten, John Buss and Michael Schorobiny constituted the Charter Members. The membership today is over 550 members.

In the beginning German had to be spoken for one to become a member. Today, as in the beginning the object of the club is to perfect its members in the use of the rifle and promote sociability among its members; with only residents of Medina County eligible to join.

The Quihi Gun Club boasts as having some of the finest open sight marksmen in the County. Often is the case of fathers out shooting their sons.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, since the club was organized, members gather for the annual celebration and grand prize shoot. This popular day is known county wide.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boehle

House was built in 1875.
The Mantel in the living room is the original.
The clock on the mantel belonged to the original owners.

The living room was a saloon in the early days. Note the 18" thick walls - the original doors and door knobs.

The two-story building, west of the house, was used as a courthouse and school and was built in 1875.

Roy Boehle and Irene Walch's grandfather was the Justice of Peace in Quihi and used this building for his office and courthouse; school was held on the second floor.

Note the two fireplaces and the cypress beams.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Quihi

The actual date of the founding of the Quihi Lutheran congregation was on March 13, 1852. Rev. Oefinger was the pastor.

The first church was dedicated in 1854.

The Parish Hall was erected in 1927 under Rev. C. P. Hasskarl.

The parsonage was built in 1949-50.

A large neon cross on the steeple was dedicated in 1952, casting its red brilliancy skyward every night and pointing to the eternal home above.

Items on display such as books, pews, altar fixtures, etc., which are on display in the Parish Hall came from St. John's Church at New Fountain, when that church merged with Quihi Bethlehem Church.